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New teaching block planned for girls' school

A NEW two-storey teaching block may be built at Southend High School for Girls after plans were recommended for approval by council officers.

The proposal includes eight classrooms, storage, toilets, plant rooms and associated offices.

It would also see the existing tennis courts repositioned to the west of the site in Southchurch Boulevard.

Plans suggest the new building would increase the number of students at the school from 1,100 to 1,170, although the planning statement submitted states that the proposed development could accom-

modate a further 150 students.

Conclusions contained in a report by case officer Janine Rowley said: "The proposed development is considered to be acceptable and will provide an improved education facility. The development would not result in the loss of playing fields or sports facilities.

"The design and scale of the proposed development relates satisfactorily to the existing school buildings and will provide an improved education facility."

The application was due to be discussed by Southend Council's development control committee on Wednesday.



PLANS: Southend High School for Girls

CENTRE OF ATTENTION

By Michael Cox

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A NEW innovation centre is set to be created after a pledge of £20million in Government funding.

The announcement of funding for the centre, on the site of Airport Business Park Southend, was made by Local Growth Minister Andrew Percy.

It makes up almost a fifth of the money allocated for the south east across the South East Local Enterprise Partnership area.

Southend Council leader Cllr John Lamb confirmed that the funding also included investment to complete the road infrastructure and improve the cycling and walking network around the business park at the north west of Southend Airport.

Cllr Lamb said: "For the borough to receive nearly one-fifth of all



VISION: Computer generated image of what the business park may look like

available funding for the south east of England is a great achievement and testament to the hard work that we have been doing to make this development a reality.

"More importantly this will help us to deliver the Innovation Centre at Airport Business Park and the final enabling infrastructure works with our partners Henry Boot Developments."

Cllr Lamb claimed the Innovation Centre would be the heart of the

business park and would create an exciting modern environment for young and growing businesses.

He added: "Our overall plans will generate thousands of new jobs in attractive, modern business space around London Southend Airport and are absolutely crucial to the area's future prosperity. There is a great deal of work already going on at the site with replacement rugby pitches constructed and the first phase of road and services infra-

structure all well under way and scheduled for completion in the summer."

Rochford District Council welcomed the funding announcement.

The council's deputy leader Cllr Mike Steptoe said: "This is great news for the business park, it is an exciting project which will really put the Rochford district on the map.

"This funding will help to provide over one million square feet of new floor space available for businesses wanting to locate to the area, and thousands of new jobs accessible to local communities.

"It is envisaged that the new business park will become renowned as a leading regional centre for the science, medical and technology sectors and deliver benefits for both our local businesses and local communities."

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Leigh PO closure delivers Facebook SAVE campaign

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to try to save Leigh's main post office from closure.

The branch, in Rectory Grove, is one of 37 directly managed branches named by the Post Office as set to close. A page has been set up on Facebook titled 'SAVE Leigh-on-Sea Post Office' by Southend Labour.

A spokesman for Southend Labour said: "We are aware that customers may have to travel some distance to the next nearest post office.

"What is particularly worrying is that no franchise partner has been announced to ensure that future Post Office services will continue in the centre of Leigh.

"Customers are left wondering if the post office will close for a temporary period, or perhaps Leigh will permanently lose its main post office."

The launch of the campaign has been supported by Labour councillor Anne Jones.

Cllr Jones, who said that the post office had "provided a living" in her family, felt that the Leigh branch should be saved.

She added: "We have a duty to ensure Crown offices are open and available to residents. We cannot keep eradicating local services."

A spokesperson for Post Office confirmed adverts had gone out for a potential retail partner interested in

operating a Post Office branch, but claimed it could be from its current site or nearby.

"The plan would be to provide customers with the same services as now," he said.

"The reason we are looking at potentially franchising the current branch is because it will not be sustainable into the future - we need to operate a branch more cost-effectively and franchising is a proven, successful model.

"The majority of Post Office branches are run on a franchise or agency basis and have been for decades.

"There is a lot of detailed planning

involved. We will consider the registered interest from potential retail partners and in due course draw up detailed proposals which will then be subject to a six week public consultation. We will then carefully consider feedback from that before taking a final decision."

The spokesperson said that it could be up to around 18 months before any change is made and that the current branch would keep operating as normal in the meantime.

She added: "Hopefully people in Leigh on Sea will be reassured that our plans are about ensuring there is a sustainable Post Office branch in Leigh for years to come."

NEWS IN BRIEF

● A MAN has died following a road traffic collision on Saturday.

Police were called to Poynters Lane in Shoeburyness, at 2.10am on Saturday February 4. A Ford Fiesta had been in collision with a man, who was lying in the road.

Police and the ambulance service attended, but the man, aged 46, from Tilbury, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The road was closed between Star Lane and Woking Road while forensic collision investigations were carried out.

● A WOMAN has her suitcase stolen as she walked home from Thorpe Bay train station.

The incident happened at around 7pm on Tuesday, January 31 when a man approached and ran off with the bag.

The woman, aged in her 30s, was walking along Bishopsteignton near the junction of Maplin Way. She was pulling a small suitcase in her left hand behind her and had just got off the train at Thorpe Bay station.

The man is described as white, aged in his mid to late 40s, 5ft 8ins to 5ft 10in tall, of a stocky or broad build with an acne scarred round face with wide eyes. He was wearing a green bomber jacket and blue jeans.

● POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a woman was assaulted in Southchurch.

The incident happened at 9.50am in Southchurch Boulevard on January 21.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "The woman, aged in her 30s, was waiting for a friend at the junction with Rectory Chase when she was approached by a man.

"He shouted abuse at her and then punched her. The victim started crying and the man walked off."

The man is described as white, 5ft 8ins tall, of a slim build and aged in his 50s.

Information on any of the incidents above to 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

FOUNDER: Professor Bhaskar Dasgupta is heading up an awareness campaign for two rheumatic conditions.

Photo Martin Dalton

Kieran steps out for charity

A CHARITY fundraiser visited Leigh and Rochford last week as part of a 5,000-mile trek around Britain.

Heart transplant survivor Kieran Sandwell, 45, from Berkhamstead, is walking Britain's coastline in a bid to raise £100,000 for the British Heart Foundation. The journey will take 326 days.

He has organised the trek 'to mark the end of his long battle with heart disease, after having a heart transplant eight years ago'.

After setting off from Hertfordshire last Wednesday, February 1, he arrived in Essex on Thursday, walking from Barking to Stanford-le-Hope.

He went on, throughout the weekend, through Leigh-on-Sea and Rochford.

To support Kieran, visit www.atrialtoftwohearts.com.



JOURNEY: Kieran Sandwell.

Photo Martin Dalton

Disability campaign launch

A CONSULTANT rheumatologist from Southend Hospital is behind an awareness campaign over two conditions that can lead to blindness and physical disability.

Professor Bhaskar Dasgupta is one of the founders of charity PMRGCAuk, which is starting the campaign in Southend on February 15 to raise understanding of Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR) and Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA).

Both PMR and GCA are linked rheumatic conditions that can lead to blindness if untreated. Prof Dasgupta said: "Many people with GCA are needlessly losing their sight due to low awareness and late diagnosis and this must change.

The event is taking place at St Peter's Church hall on February 15 at 12.15pm and is free to attend. Visit www.pmrgea.co.uk/news/roadshow-launch/.

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The must-see tour includes an appearance at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, on Friday, March 10, and we have THREE pairs of tickets to give away to see it.

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Eight years in jail for coke supplier

A WESTCLIFF man has been jailed for eight years after being found guilty of possession of cocaine with intent to supply.

Charles Keenan, 40, of Elderton Road, was arrested in February 2016 at an address in Innes Close, Wickford. Officers recovered two kilos of cocaine.

Keenan was found guilty of possession of a kilo of cocaine with intent to supply following a week's trial and was sentenced at its conclusion today, Thursday, February 2, at Chelmsford Crown Court.

Two other people were also

arrested following the discovery of the drugs at the property in Innes Close.

Nina Wall, a 29-year-old woman from Innes Close in Wickford was sentenced in August 2016 for permitting the supply of a controlled drug from a premises to a 12 month prison sentence. She was given an 18 month suspended prison sentence and ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work. Sam Claxton, 35, of Henderson Gardens, Wickford, was jailed for eight years in June 2016 for drug offences including intent to supply cocaine.



SUPPLIER: Charles Keenan



JAILED: Gary Horn pleaded guilty to robbing a Co-op bank.

Robber jailed after third raid on Co-op

Serial criminal sentenced to four years

A MAN has been jailed for four years after robbing a bank in Southend of more than £1,600.

Gary Horn, 59, of Anerley Road, Westcliff, had pleaded guilty at Basildon Crown Court on Friday January 20 to robbing the Co-op bank in Southend of £1,670 on December 7 2016.

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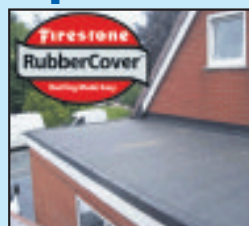
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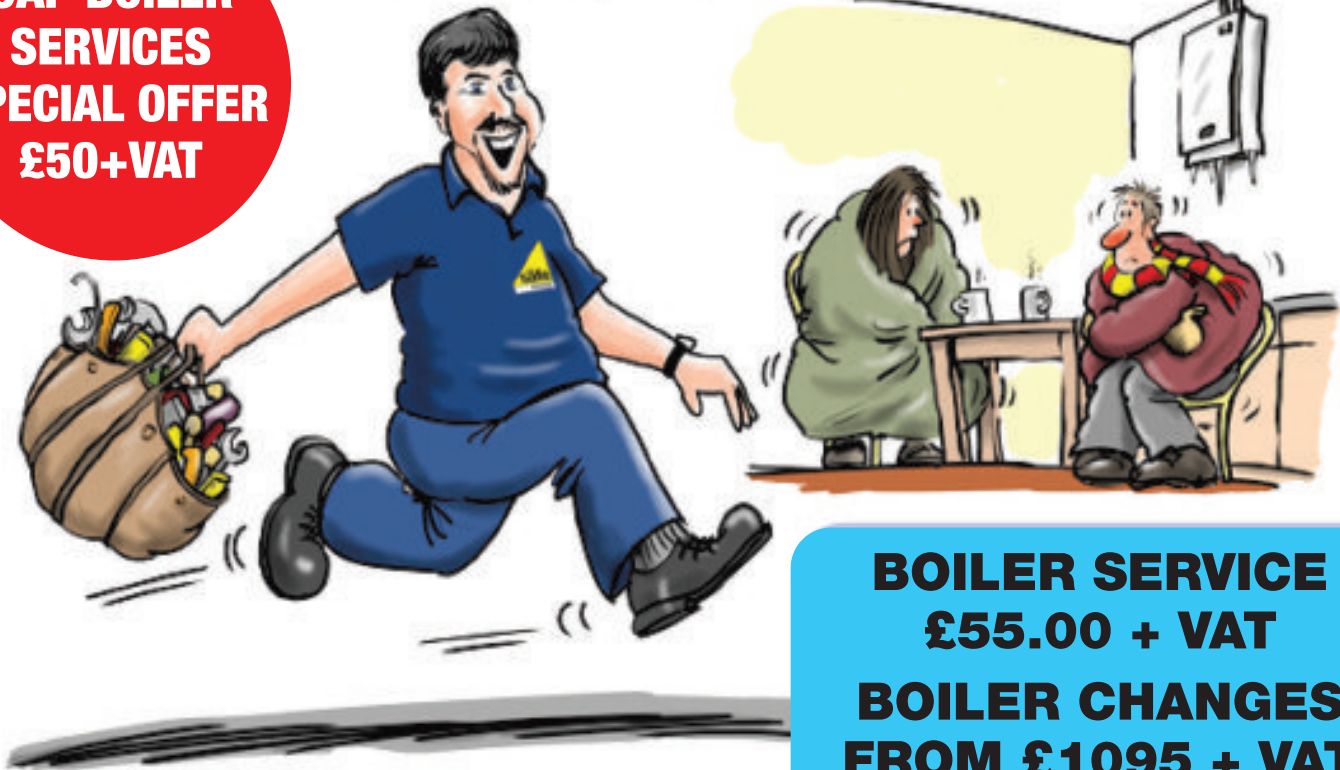
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POLICE are appealing for help from the public to find a woman wanted on suspicion of theft from shops in Southend and Rochford.

Carrie Pordage, 35, who also uses the surname Wheatley, was last known to be living in Westcliff.

She also has links to Southend, Rayleigh, Rochford and Colchester.

She is described as 5ft 5in tall, slim and has very long dark brown hair.

Ms Pordage has a number of tattoos, including 'Trev' writ-

ten inside a heart on her right shoulder blade and Chinese lettering on her right thigh.

Anyone who has any information about her whereabouts is asked to contact Sgt Rob Enderby urgently at Canvey on 101.

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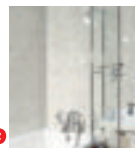
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What if Brexit means Wrexit?

SO Brexit begins, but who knows where it may end, the aspirations of a lately issued government White paper notwithstanding.

This following a hotly disputed referendum that has divided the country and families along generational lines and threatens the break-up of the United Kingdom to boot.

A referendum decided by just 1.25million of the 33.5m votes cast – with 13m choosing not to take part – and 16 and 17-year-olds, whose futures will be greatest affected, not even being allowed to participate.

No matter, the die has been cast and the government given parliamentary approval to trigger Article 50 and start the leaving process when it sees fit, which might take even more years than the two envisaged.

This when there are some 500,000 deaths and 750,000 births each year in the UK which will, surely, render support for this narrow referendum result even more slender and possibly reversed by such time as we do leave.

If, in fact, we actually do leave. Because all we know so far about the beast is that Brexit means Brexit – it means a red-white-and-blue Brexit – possibly a pink-polka-dotted Brexit even into the bargain

according to some, but if Brexit turns out to mean Wrexit, would any British Government go through with it? I don't think so.

Although the prime minister has declared that the country is quite prepared to walk away without any deal being struck, which may be all right at the moment, but not for the rest of us in the end.

Only time will tell, but if, having been consulted about blindly leaving in the beginning, we are not allowed a final say on the established destination in the end, then the plebs will have been cut out of the plebiscite to the detriment of this democratic process in the end. And that is completely unacceptable. We must be allowed a final say on this contentious matter.

**John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea**

Tree money could be put to better use

NO, not a film, but it could be coming to a site near you one day, directed, produced and starring Southend Council.

Scene: Orange circle on pavement suddenly appeared. Indicating what? Council didn't know. It said: "Don't worry", but I did. So wrote to council saying, "Please, no trees. Public nuisance. Drop leaves/berries/fruit. Treads into houses. Slippery. Risk to pedestrians. Block pavements and gutters."

And then it's austerity time. Council tax going up, public services cut back. So why fund two contractors with tree, truck and equipment to dig up the pavement outside my house, to plant something that wasn't wanted when the money could have been put to better use elsewhere?

Definitely wasting money.

The tree obviously remains the council's, and any offending branch and debris that may fall, also remains council property so it would appear that I'd be entitled to take this up to the Civic Centre for them to deal with. But what a waste of time and money when the potholes remain and street cleaning now can't cope with the trees already in place.

**J Peto
Southend**

Still in the dark over street lights

REFERENCE the item on page 3 of the *Yellow Advertiser* (Friday, January 27) regarding street lighting.

I can only conclude that Cllr Ann Holland either doesn't live in the area she represents, or doesn't venture out after dark. The replacement LED heads that have been fitted to street lights were obviously never intended to be fitted on such short posts spaced so far apart. Unlike the sodium lights they replace, they give a narrow cone of light, leaving

dark patches of road between the posts. Of course, more posts could be fitted to fill the gaps. But, given that the idea of the scheme was to save electricity costs, that's hardly a practical solution. This is another ill-thought-out scheme that has gone horribly wrong.

And then there is the cost of the scheme that Cllr Holland neglects to mention. Thirteen million. That's right, £13m – to change 14,000 light bulbs.

I don't know how many people it takes to change a light bulb in this borough, but we do know what each one costs – more than £900.

Difficult to know whether we should laugh or cry.

**Edward White
Thorpe Bay**

Build-to-rent to replenish housing stock

IT must be of singular relief that the Government has recognized the housing reality that local government has been trying to cope with for some considerable time.

Government is issuing a White Paper to signal the need for build-to-rent properties to replenish housing stocks and

start to satisfy the insatiable demand for housing that most local authorities have.

The White Paper has been shaped by Lord Porter who was ennobled from leading a district council and who has been able to influence Government to help the housing supply regardless of political dogma about home ownership being the goal to aspire to.

Whilst owing your own home is a good thing, affordable housing has become totally unattainable by virtue of the irony of a sustained and buoyant housing market with all the obvious advantages that go with that but a huge disadvantage for the first time buyer.

Homelessness is not to be forgotten in Southend or the UK. We have held a brainstorming session with third sector agencies and statutory bodies as to different or more measures we can take to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

Nobody is under the impression that this is simple or that we are unaware of most current trends, squatting is not a new phenomenon and remains illegal, which most councillors would not condone. Problems will persist, land availability and

highway issues will not subside as housing increases and existing residents notice more pressure from increasing populations.

But perhaps with reality finally coming about, so will the demand for artificial housing targets, Government you have recognized us at last!

**Cllr Mark Flewitt
Portfolio Holder Housing
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Democracy in action and a state visit...

SO, in America, despite the fact that most people who voted in the Presidential election, voted for someone else, Donald Trump becomes President.

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Ah, democracy. Don't you just love it!

**John Davison
Thorpe Bay**

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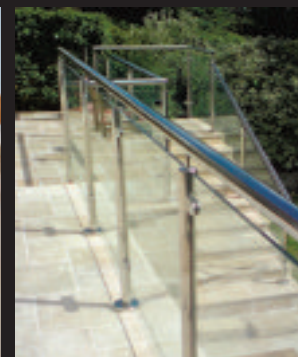
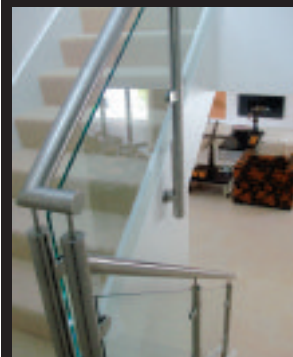
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By Liz Wade

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THE greatest criminal minds of all time will finally meet their match in the next production at the Brookside Theatre in Romford.

The Ladykillers, a delightful macabre, smash hit adaptation of the much-loved classic 1955 film starring Alec Guinness, Cecil Parker, Herbert Lom, Frankie Howerd and Peter Sellers, will be at the theatre from February 15 to 18.

Adapted by Graham Linehan, the writer of Channel 4 comedies Father Ted, Black Books and the IT Crowd, The Ladykillers tells the story of a criminal gang posing as musicians who plot to murder a sweet little old lady after involving her in the crime of the century.

Theatre manager, Jai Sepple, will star as Professor Marcus, the leader of the gang, which includes Peter Baker as Major, Jonny Buxton as Harry, Bob Pamplin as One Round and David Ward as Louis.

They are joined by David Biscoe as Constable MacDonald and Joan Plunkett as the eccentric Mrs Wilberforce, who lives with her parrot in a strange lopsided house in King's Cross.

Her life is turned upside down by the arrival of Professor Marcus and his four companions, who make up the most unlikely group of criminals.

Planning the heist of a security van, they decide to use Mrs Wilberforce as cover and involve her unwittingly in the plot. Things do not go well and the professor's plan starts to unravel in spectacular and uproarious fashion.

With his plot rumbled, the professor decides there's only one

way to keep the old lady quiet.

This follows a critically acclaimed West End production at London's Gielgud Theatre, where the play smashed all the theatre's previous box office records and was nominated for five awards in the 2012 Laurence Olivier Awards, including best new play, best direction, best set design, best sound design and best actress in a play.

Other entertainment on offer at Brookside Theatre over the next few weeks includes an appearance by father and son, Chip and Chesney Hawkes, who are fulfilling a long-held ambition to tour together.

Alongside Chesney's brother Jodie and Robbie Williams' guitarist, Gary Nuttall, Chesney and Chip will take the audience on a fascinating journey through their combined musical history, on Sunday, February 26.

Starting with Chip joining the Tremeloes in 1966 and extending beyond Chesney's 1991 UK number one, The One and Only, expect to hear Tremeloes songs, along with Hawkes' family favourites and of course, Chesney's own songs including that big hit.

With a chance for a Q&A and some great rock 'n' roll stories thrown in for good measure, this will definitely be an evening to remember.

The theatre will proudly welcome back Pat Abernethy and Dave Marsden of Isosceles on Friday, March 3, for a selection of Probably The Best Comedy Songs In The World Ever.

Their hilarious tribute to the best comedy songs ever written promises to be an evening of unremitting laughter featuring the greatest comedy songs ever written from the likes of Tom

Lehrer, Monty Python, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore, Lonnie Donegan, Bernard Cribbins, Richard Dignace, The Goons, Kenneth Williams, Benny Hill, Noel Coward, George Formby, Flanders and Swan and more.

On top of that, Pat and Dave will perform versions of Elvis Presley and Righteous Brothers hits as you have never heard them before, as well as unique renditions of American Pie, Bridge Over Troubled Water and Don't Cry For Me Argentina, with just the aid of a piano and whatever talent they can muster.

Not The Rolling Stones will follow on Saturday, March 4, when they will set the stage alight with all of the energy and excitement of a real live Stones concert. The electrifying show will feature a host of rock hits and anthems from the Stones including Satisfaction, Start Me Up, Honky Tonk Women, Jumping Jack Flash, Sympathy for the Devil, Brown Sugar, and many more.

Also in March, there will be an evening with award-winning singer/songwriter, Hazel O'Connor. During the performance, on Wednesday, March 8, Hazel will be joined by Clare Hirst (The Belle Stars, The Communards, David Bowie) on sax and Sarah Fisher (Eurythmics) on keyboards.

Expect a soulful, introspective dip into Hazel's portfolio, the old and the new, and a night of some of the greatest songs of the 20th century, delivered with passion and fire.

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Denzel builds towards awards

FENCES (12A, 139 mins)

NOMINATED for four Academy Awards including Best Picture, *Fences* is an assured film adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, directed for the screen by Denzel Washington.

The actor already has two golden statuettes on his mantelpiece for the films *Glory* and *Training Day*, and he is vying for a third Oscar for his showy performance here.

Such plaudits come as little surprise since Washington is well acquainted with the stage production.

He simmered with tightly coiled rage in a 2010 Broadway revival co-starring Viola Davis.

Both won coveted Tony Awards for their incendiary portrayals of a couple struggling to hold together their marriage against a backdrop of economic uncertainty and bigotry in 1950s Pittsburgh.

Reunited on the big screen, Washington and Davis rekindle molten chemistry and are able to suck us deeper into their characters' suffering with the benefit of lingering, tear-stained close-ups.

Fences remains unerringly faithful to its stage origins and feels rather static, unfolding predominantly within the rooms or backyard of a modest home where family members trade bruising verbal blows.

Strong-willed patriarch Troy Maxson (Washington) presides over this tug-of-war for suprema-



FAMILY: Denzel Washington and Viola Davis in *Fences*
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cy. He works as a rubbish collector alongside best friend Jim (Stephen Robertson), who loves to listen to Troy's anecdotes.

"You got more stories than the devil got sinners," quips Jim.

Troy toils in order to provide for his wife Rose (Davis) and their son

Cory (Jovan Adepo).

The young man is a gifted athlete and is being scouted for college football.

Troy refuses to sign his son's permission slip because he believes the football leagues are rife with racial prejudice and he doesn't want his flesh and blood to fail, as he did playing baseball many years before.

This refusal to support his son's dream drives an insurmountable wedge between Troy and Cory.

"I'm the boss around here. I do the only saying what counts," barks the old man defiantly.

Meanwhile, the patriarch clashes with his other son, Lyons (Russell Hornsby), who only seems to materialise when he needs money.

Financial pressures tip Troy over the edge and his rage and frustration explode with devastating consequences.

Fences is a glittering showcase for the ensemble cast, led by the imperious Washington and Davis, who don't hold back in pivotal scenes.

The latter richly deserves her Oscar nomination, and she'll almost certainly win for deftly capturing the steeliness of a mother hen, who has sacrificed everything for her brood.

"I gave 18 years of my life to stand in the same spot with you. Don't you think I ever wanted other things?" she rages.

Period detail is impressive and even though there is a palpable lack of cinematic dynamism to proceedings, there are plenty of dialogue-driven fireworks.

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The Lodge's fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks menu, while its 50-seater Glasshouse Restaurant boasts an appetising new menu offering a range of dishes to suit all tastes and requirements including a two-course special for £11.95 and three courses for £13.95.

Its carvery restaurant, which seats 60 people, offers a traditional meal from £6.95 at weekends, or go large for an extra £2, with a choice of four meats on Sunday.

The a la carte menu is also available in the stylish and comfortable conservatory, which can also be booked for special occasions with set menus available for a

range of budgets. A combination of the Glasshouse and carvery restaurants can also suit large parties.

There is also a large garden with an extensive seating area, bouncy castles, children's play area, and a stylish marquee.

The marquee is the perfect place for a range of special occasions for 60-200 guests, complete with a late licence until midnight and a licence for civil ceremonies.

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Special occasions are catered for, including Valentine's Day, on Tuesday, February 14, when staff will be serving a special menu for just £39.90 per couple, including a glass of prosecco on arrival and a red rose for the ladies.

Bookings for Mother's Day on Sunday, March 26, are also being taken, for which they will be serving a three-course meal for £16.95 per person, with a children's two-course meal available for £7.95 per child.

A packed programme of



tribute nights, family fun days and other events are also on offer at The Lodge, all on top of karaoke nights on Sunday, Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday (except Valentine's Day), and live Friday bands with free admission.

Up-and-coming appearances include Larry and the Streamers on February 10; Beagles on February 24; Freefall on March 10; Illicit on March 24; Mr Spankey and the Hipthrusters on Friday, April 7 and Scooby on April 21.

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Everlasting love: A pink gin made with rose petals, marshmallow root, goji berries and hibiscus flowers, try mixing Eden Mill Love Gin (£35, 50cl, johnlewis.com, also available in a gift box for £40, edenmill.com) in this cocktail, or mix with elderflower tonic and frozen berries.

Ingredients: 4 raspberries, 1 drop of rose water (optional), 50ml Eden Mill, 100ml lychee juice, 1 5ml pink grapefruit juice.

Method: Place the raspberries in a highball glass and crush, 3/4 fill with ice, add ingredients and stir. Top with crushed ice and garnish with dried hibiscus petals.

Patagonia punch: The name gives it away and champagne house Moët & Chandon created Chandon Rose NV, Argentina (£16.99, Majestic) to expand its winemaking expertise in the New World. Charming and fresh, with red fruits and a savoury note, the fine bubbles lend themselves to this sweet and sharp cocktail.

Ingredients: 2 strawberries, 5 basil leaves, 20ml rhubarb & strawberry cordial, 15ml fresh lemon juice, 30ml vodka, top with Chandon.

Method: Muddle the fruit in a cocktail shaker, add a scoop of ice, then the cordial, lemon juice and vodka. Shake vigorously and strain into a chilled coupe glass. Top with Chandon and gar-

nish with a strawberry.

A real peach: A playmate for prosecco, sparkling Italian rosé has been cited as the next big thing and Borgo Imperiale Spumante Brut Rose, Lombardy, Italy (£11.80, friarwood.com) is bellissimo. A pale peach with golden highlights, it has delicate red fruit flavours and a light, crisp finish.

An English rose: Greyfriars Vineyard Sparkling Rosé Reserve 2013, Surrey, (£25.99, Waitrose) is salmon pink with an open bouquet of wild strawberries, and a long, dry finish for the "taste of English summer fruits".

Sweet deal: A gorgeous rose gold, Lanson Rose Champagne NV, France (£28.99 from £34.99, until February 14, Bargain Booze) is full, fresh and round, but without any heaviness. With floral aromas and soft berry fruits that glide along on the creamy mousse, it will charm the wings off cupid.

Speak the language of love: For some flirty fun, why not Clicq Call and pre-record your romantic message (or love song) with Veuve Clicquot's new gift pack that has a voicemail-style message for your lover to hear when they open the box. Limited edition Veuve Clicquot Rose NV, France (£59.99, Selfridges) makes a playful choice.

Romantic red: Piron Saint Amour 2015, France (£13, Marks & Spencer) is fresh and juicy and displays all the classic spiced red cherry and berry fruits with enough crunch and concentration to keep you hankering for more.



LOVE SONG: Limited edition Veuve Clicquot Rose NV, France, from Selfridges
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FRUITY: Patagonia Punch with Chandon, from Majestic
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TO FINISH

- Hot Chocolate Fondant, Honeycomb, Vanilla Ice Cream (15 minute cooking time)
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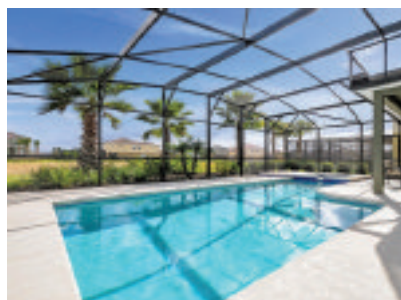
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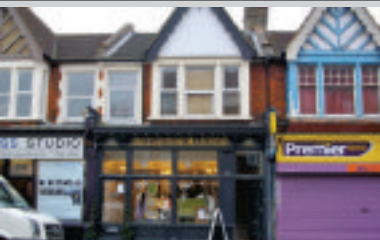
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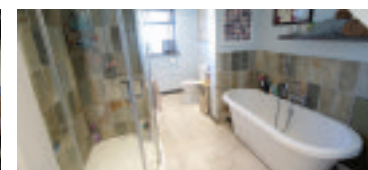
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This large property has come to the market offering extensive living accommodation suitable for the whole family. There are five double bedrooms and a study, a lovely conservatory to the rear, workshop, an abundance of off street parking and garage. The property is located within close proximity of local amenities and park.



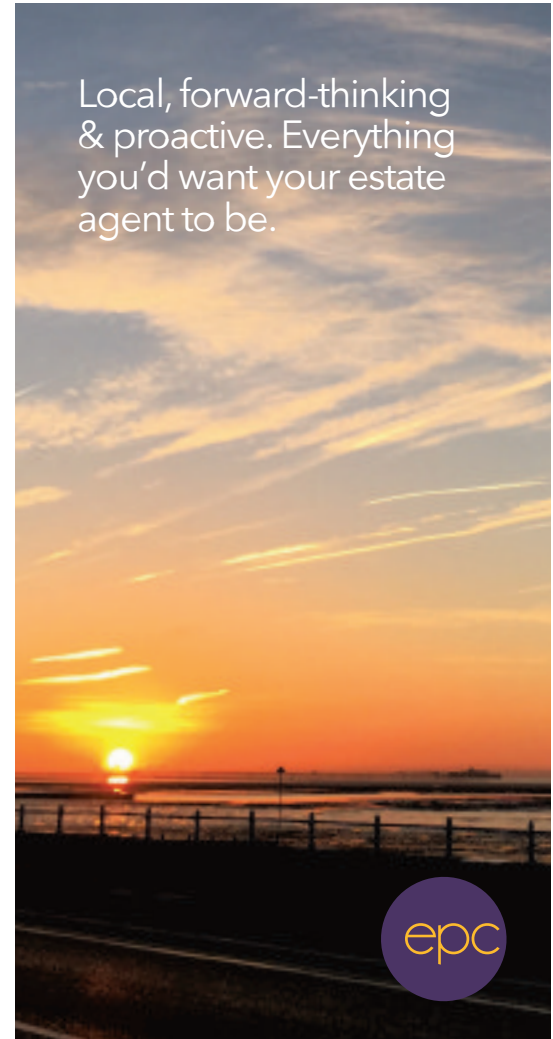
Castleton Road, Southend on Sea **£385,000**

Set in a sought after location on the Wick Estate in Southend on Sea is this lovely three bedroom bungalow. The property has been beautifully maintained throughout and presents spacious living areas, off street parking, a west backing rear garden and garage. This property has it all, do not hesitate in arranging your viewing.



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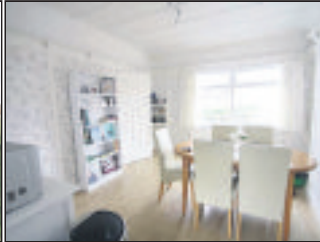


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LEIGH-ON-SEA £325,000

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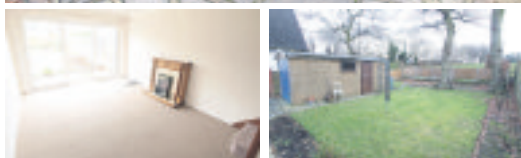
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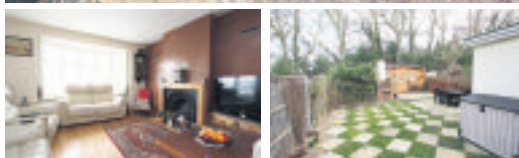


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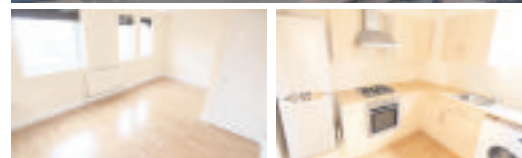


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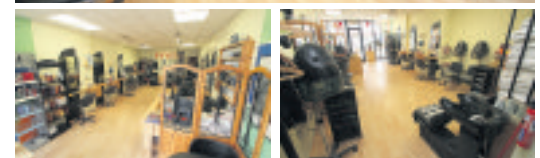
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SOUTHEND United produced another notable Roots Hall display as goals from Marc-Antoine Fortuné, Simon Cox and Ryan Leonard saw the Blues come from behind to ensure victory over Sky Bet League One leaders Scunthorpe United.

This eagerly anticipated clash saw two of League One's in-form teams come together. Blues went into the game having suffered defeat just once in 16 outings, while top of the table Scunthorpe arrived in south-east Essex having won three on the bounce.

Blues welcomed back skipper Anton Ferdinand after the former West Ham man was forced out of their clash at Fleetwood Town with a nagging injury.

Scunthorpe were without striker Kevin Van Veen through suspension. The Iron's frontman had been subject to a £4million bid from Chinese club Henan Jianye.

Even without their sought-after front man, it was Scunthorpe who grabbed an early advantage.

Neal Bishop's header came back off the crossbar and Murray Wallace was on hand to make no mistake to nod home the rebound.

Scunthorpe goalkeeper Luke Daniels did well getting down to stop Jason Demetriou's effort as the Blues looked for an immediate response.

However, it was the visitors who continued to offer the greater threat. Josh Morris saw his attempt deflected over, while Ivan Toney found Ted Smith's gloves with a spectacular bicycle-kick.

Meanwhile, Cox was off-target for Blues after Anthony Wordworth played him in.

Demetriou fired over and Fortuné was wide as the Blues quest for an equaliser gathered momentum.

Shortly before the break, they restored parity. Cox crossed from the left and Fortuné was on hand to nod beyond the stranded Daniels.

Daniels blocked from Fortuné with his feet, then clung to Wordworth's chip as Southend



GOAL: Marc-Antoine Fortuné
Photo by Martin Dalton

started the second period strongly.

Soon after, Wordworth fired over after Daniels had done well to initially thwart Cox and Will Atkinson.

Blues boss Phil Brown threw Jermaine McGlashan and new signing Theo Robinson into the fray in a bid to clinch all three points. And within minutes the move paid dividends. McGlashan swept in from the left and Cox was on hand to send a deflected effort past Daniels to hand Southend the lead.

Cox saw another strike deflected behind as Southend looked to kill the contest.

But with their next meaningful foray forward, Ben Coker crossed and Leonard swept home the Blues third of the afternoon.

Scunthorpe's afternoon went from bad to worse when Bishop was shown a straight red card by referee Robert Madley after a coming together with Demetriou as proceedings began to reach boiling point.

Nevertheless, this had been another fantastic display from Southend, who moved up into the play-off places.

Brown was taking charge of his 200th Blues match. Speaking at full-time, he said: "These milestones come along quicker than normal. Usually, if you get past the 100 mark you are having a wonderful time at the football club. Unfortunately, that's the state of play in the game."

"But to get to 200 is a proud moment of mine. It is certainly a proud moment for the chairman of the football club. It's nice to know that you must be doing something right if you keep on getting selected by the chairman."

Speaking about the game, Brown said: "Today was about the performance. I don't think the players were looking at me saying, 'Two hundred games, we're going to put in a performance'. Games like this have come along regularly of late."

"We have had big opposition and we have stepped up to the plate, which is a good sign coming into the latter stages of the season."

Brown spoke about his side recovering after Wallace had given Scunthorpe an early advantage, adding: "It was a comedy of errors, one or two hands went up at

half-time. But at the end of the day, we had the quality to get level just before half-time and that set up the second half.

"We played well enough in the first half. We played some wonderful football. I looked at the stats and it was pointing towards a win. But as you know, half-time tends to stem the tide and change the flow of the game, which it did for ten or fifteen minutes. It looked a bit of a stifled 1-1 draw.

"But our players weren't in the mood for it petering out. They had a point to prove with the league leaders in town.

"Today was about us being individually and collectively better than the opposition, and I thought we were."

Goalscorer Leonard, said: "I thought we did really well today against a good Scunthorpe side who are obviously flying at the top of the league. We've given them a goal head start really. We didn't come out of the blocks. But from then on we were on fire.

"Before, when I've been here we've had trouble when we've gone a goal behind. But the belief this season, especially at the moment, is that if we go a goal down, it really doesn't matter.

"Look at the reaction we had there today. We've not had that in a long time. So for us to go a goal down against the top of the league after four or five minutes, it shows tremendous character from every single one of us."

Southend United are next in Sky Bet League One action on Saturday, February 11 when they travel to the Den to face Millwall (3pm).

Southend United: Ted Smith, Ben Coker, Anthony Wordworth, Adam Thompson, Michael Timlin (Jermaine McGlashan 75'), Simon Cox, Will Atkinson, Marc-Antoine Fortuné (Theo Robinson 67') Ryan Leonard, Jason Demetriou, Anton Ferdinand (Capt) Subs not used: Mark Oxley, John White, Luke O'Neill, Luke Amos, Frank Nouble

Scunthorpe United: Luke Daniels, Scott Wiseman, Murray Wallace, Stephen Dawson (Capt) (Hakeeb Adelakun 78'), Josh Morris, Neal Bishop, Harry Toffolo, Duane Holmes (Matt Crooks 46'), Charlie Goode, Ivan Toney, Craig Davies (Tom Hopper 63') Subs not used: David Mirfin, Joe Anyon, Conor Townsend, Jamie Ness

Referee: Robert Madley
Assistants: James Mainwaring and Harry Leonard
Fourth Official: Michael Thorpe
Attendance: 7,346

Non-league round-up

City hold Rovers in FA Trophy

By Brian Jeeves

CHELMSFORD City's dream of a trip to Wembley remains alive after the Clarets produced a superb Buildbase FA Trophy third round performance to hold former Football League outfit Tranmere Rovers to a 1-1 draw at Prenton Park.

Robbie Willmott gave the Clarets a shock lead before the break before Cole Stockton levelled for the Birkenhead side with 20 minutes remaining.

The sides will replay the tie at Chelmsford's Melbourne Stadium to see who progresses to the next stage of the competition.

Braintree Town also face a replay after Ryman League club Dulwich Hamlet held the Iron to a tense goalless draw at Cressing Road.

Dagenham & Redbridge moved into second place in the National League after a dramatic late victory over Chester FC at Victoria Road.

Jake Sheppard gave the home side the lead on the stroke of half-time. However, goals from Luke George and Tom Shaw appeared to have handed the visitors a shock win. But with time running out, Corey Whitely levelled from the penalty spot, then Jordan Maguire-Drew bagged a last-minute winner.

The Daggers are now just three points behind leaders Lincoln City but have played a game more.

In the National League South, Concord Rangers found themselves on the receiving end of a 4-0 drubbing from promotion-chasing Ebbsfleet United at Stonebridge Road. Bradley Bubb grabbed a brace for the hosts, while Kenny Clark and Sean Shields were also on target.

East Thurrock United went down 3-2 to Hemel Hempstead Town at Rookery Hill. Michael Clark and Tom Wraight were on target for the home side, but Jordan Parkes won it for Hemel with a stoppage time spot-kick.

Christian Assombalonga and Lewis Taaffe ensured Billericay Town maximum points from a 2-1 Ryman League Premier Division victory at Havant & Waterlooville.

Alexander Akrofi's fourth-minute goal was enough to see Tonbridge Angels inflict a 1-0 defeat on Canvey Island at Park Lane, and there was a 2-1 loss for Grays Athletic at home to Hendon. Lartey Sarpong's consolation was scant reward for the hosts.

In Ryman League Division One North, Ronnie Winn, Richard Halle (2), Charlie Stimson, Jordan Clark (penalty) and Mark Onyiah were on target as Thurrock hammered Tilbury 6-1 at Ship Lane. Jack Barham responded for the Dockers.

AFC Hornchurch were 1-0 derby winners over Romford. Former Southend United man Teddy Nesbitt with the only goal at Bridge Avenue.

Brightlingsea Regent edged closer to the summit after a Tom Richardson goal saw them beat league leaders Maldon & Tiptree 1-0 at North Road, while Heybridge Swifts were 3-0 winners over Thamesmead Town; Reece Grant (2) and an Adam Adeoye Yusuf penalty with the Swifts goals.

Ryan Imbert hit Witham Town's goal in a 1-1 draw with Soham Town Rangers and it was the same outcome at Norwich United, where Jamie Guy's goal earned Great Wakering Rovers a share of the spoils. Elsewhere, Aveley slipped to a 2-0 defeat at Ware.

Clapton moved to the top of the Essex Senior League after Johnny Ashman's first half penalty saw off Waltham Forest at the Old Spotted Dog ground.

Barking slipped to second as they were held to an exciting 2-2 draw at Hullbridge Sports.

Ilford were the big winners of the day, thrashing London Bari 6-2 at the Cricklefield Stadium.

Meanwhile, Barkingside won a thrilling encounter at Enfield 1893 4-3.

In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League, London APSA won a thrilling Division One contest at Old Chelmsfordians 5-3.

In Division Two, Rochford Town won 4-2 at Ramsden Scotia, while Ongar Town beat Old Barkabbeyans 2-0. FC Hamlets saw off Lakeside 2-1

In Division Three, Shobury Town continued their steady progress with a 3-1 victory over Old Chelmsfordians Reserves.

Cook quits as England captain

Cricket

ESSEX County Cricket Club's Alastair Cook has announced his decision to stand down from his role as England captain.

The 32-year-old left-handed batsman was reportedly under pressure to relinquish the role

following England's 4-0 series defeat in India.

Previously, Cook had led England for six years and 59 test matches, winning on 24 occasions after succeeding Andrew Strauss.

Cook reached a number of milestones while skipping his

country, passing 10,000 test match runs and reaching 29 centuries.

In a statement following his resignation, Cook said: "Stepping down has been an incredibly hard decision, but I know this is the correct decision for me and at the right time for the team."

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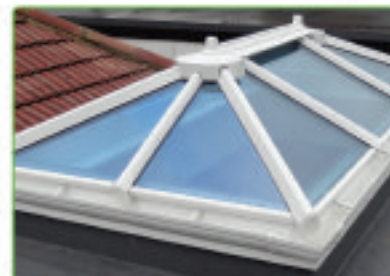
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